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SUBJ: UDT SEEKS US GOOD OFFICES

1. EMBOFF WAS CONTACTED FEB 24 BY MOISES DA COSTA AMARAL AND HELDER NEVES OF TIMOR DEMOCRATIC UNION (UDT) LISBON DELEGATION. THEY REQUESTED THAT USG USE ITS GOOD OFFICES TO EFFECT INDONESIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM PORTUGUESE TIMOR. UDT AND ITS ALLY APODETTI HAD, THEY ADMITTED, SOUGHT ARMS AND OTHER SUPPLIES FROM INDONESIA IN ORDER TO DEFEAT THEIR RIVAL, MARXIST-LED FRETELIN. HOWEVER, THEY CHARGED, INDONESIA HAD UNILATERALLY GONE BEYOND THEIR REQUESTS BY INVADING PORTUGUESE TIMOR. SUBSEQUENT SIGNATURE BY UDT'S PRESIDENT OF A FORMAL REQUEST FOR INTEGRATION OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR INTO INDONESIA WAS MADE, THEY ALLEGED, UNDER DURESS, AND WAS THEREFORE INVALID. UDT RANK AND FILE, AS WELL AS POPULATION AT LARGE, DID NOT SUPPPORT INTEGRATION, PREFERRING INSTEAD SELF-DETERMINATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE INDEPENDENCE.

2. EMBOFF INFORMED UDT REPRESENTATIVES THAT USG POSITION WAS THAT TIMOR QUESTION SHOULD BE RESOLVED BETWEEN INDONESIA AND PORTUGAL AND THAT OUR POLICY WAS ONE OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL

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